

481—63.1 (135C) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated in this chapter. The definitions set out in Iowa Code section 135C.1 shall be considered to be incorporated verbatim in the rules. The use of the words “shall” and “must” indicate those standards are mandatory. The use of the words “should” and “could” indicate those standards are recommended.

“Accommodation” means the provision of lodging, including sleeping, dining, and living areas.

“Administrator” means a person who administers, manages, supervises, and is in general administrative charge of a residential care facility for the intellectually disabled, whether or not such individual has an ownership interest in such facility, and whether or not the functions and duties are shared with one or more individuals.

“Alcoholic” means a person in a state of dependency resulting from excessive or prolonged consumption of alcoholic beverages as defined in Iowa Code section 125.2.

“Ambulatory” means a person who immediately and without aid of another, is physically and mentally capable of traveling a normal path to safety, including the ascent and descent of stairs.

“Basement” means that part of a building where the finish floor is more than 30 inches below the finish grade.

“Board” means the regular provision of meals.

“Communicable disease” means a disease caused by the presence of virus or microbial agents within a person’s body, which agents may be transmitted either directly or indirectly to other persons.

“Department” means the state department of inspections and appeals.

“Distinct part” means a clearly identifiable area or section within a residential care facility for the intellectually disabled, consisting of at least a residential unit, wing, floor, or building containing contiguous rooms.

“Drug addiction” means a state of dependency, as medically determined, resulting from excessive or prolonged use of drugs as defined in Iowa Code chapter 124.

“Interdisciplinary team” means persons drawn from, or representing such of the professions, disciplines, or services required for the care of the resident.

“Medication” means any drug including over-the-counter substances ordered and administered under the direction of the physician.

“Nonambulatory” means a person who immediately and without the aid of another is not physically and mentally capable of traveling a normal path to safety, including the ascent and descent of stairs.

“Personal care” means assistance with the activities of daily living which the recipient can perform only with difficulty. Examples are help in getting in and out of bed, assistance with personal hygiene and bathing, help with dressing and feeding, and supervision over medications which can be self-administered.

“Primary care provider” means any of the following who provide primary care and meet certification standards:

1. A physician who is a family or general practitioner or an internist.
2. An advanced registered nurse practitioner.
3. A physician assistant.

“Program of care” means all services being provided for a resident in a health care facility.

“Qualified intellectual disabilities professional” means a psychologist, physician, registered nurse, educator, social worker, physical or occupational therapist, speech therapist or audiologist who meets the educational requirements for the profession, as required in the state of Iowa, and having one year’s experience working with the intellectually disabled.

“Rate” means that daily fee charged for all residents equally and shall include the cost of all minimum services required in these regulations.

“Responsible party” means the person who signs or cosigns the admission agreement required in 481—63.14(135C) or the resident’s guardian or conservator if one has been appointed. In the event that a resident has neither a guardian, conservator nor person who signed or cosigned the resident’s admission agreement, the term “responsible party” shall include the resident’s sponsoring agency, e.g., the department of social services, Veterans Administration, religious groups, fraternal organizations, or foundations that assume responsibility and advocate for their client patients and pay for their health care.

“Restraints” means the measures taken to control a resident’s physical activity for the resident’s own protection or for the protection of others.

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